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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 08052004) for the above-captioned patent application. A response to the Office Action is due December 9, 2004. Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. Accordingly, entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks that follow are requested.

Please amend the captioned application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.